

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	KAUP <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	5254
Serial No.:	10/529,981	Art Unit:	3733
Filed:	December 16, 2005	Examiner:	Nicholas W. Woodall
For:	DEVICE FOR FIXING BONES	Attorney Docket No:	8932-988-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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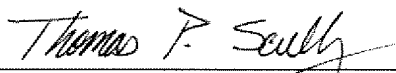
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2006 be extended for a period of one (1) month from October 31, 2006, to and including November 30, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$120.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 30, 2006



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